# MINUTES OF THE UTAH GENERATED RENEWABLE ENERGY ELECTRICITY NETWORK AUTHORITY BOARD

October 19, 2010 • 4:00 p.m. to 5:00p.m. 324 S. Main St., 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Room 501 Salt Lake City, Utah

**Members Present:** Doug Bennion, Bob Dalley, Ryan Davie, Spencer Eccles, Leon Pexton

**Members Absent:** Kevin Carter, Dick Clayton

**Visitors:** Chris Tallackson, Alex Dalpe-Charron

**Staff:** Mary Ann Wright, Dianne Nielson

#### Welcome

### **Presentation: UGREEN Update**

(Yashoda Khandkar, Special Advisor, UGREEN)

- State Infrastructure Authorities meeting recap
  - Attendees from Kansas, New Mexico, Colorado, and Wyoming
  - o Collaboration on regional strategic initiatives
  - o Continued relationship build and communication between the organizations
- Governor's Energy Initiative
  - o Staffing Transmission, Infrastructure, and Transportation Subcommittee
  - o Draft to be submitted to task force on Oct 21, 2010
  - o Opportunity for public comment late October/early November
- Update on Funding
  - Waiting to hear from GOPB on budget request
  - o Continue to look for grant opportunities
  - o Continue to speak with federal delegation for appropriations and other opportunities
  - o Discuss strategy if no funding options materialize
- Business Plan/Application
  - o Drafts under review
  - o Ready for adoption in December board meeting
- Slides borrowed from recent GOED board presentation
  - o (see powerpoint presentation)

#### Renewable Energy Business Summit

- November 15, 2010 at the Salt Lake Community College Larry Miller Campus
- Brings together companies, educators, regulators, other experts to discuss the resources available for bringing renewable energy development and manufacturers to the State
- Register online

### Discussion on UGREEN: Expectations for 2011 and beyond

- What happens if the project pipeline doesn't materialize?
  - o UGREEN's work should continue, set foundation and be ready/nimble when projects start to come through
  - Talk to merchant transmission developers

- Focus on economics
- This seems to be emerging new business model
- What happens if there is no funding after ARRA expires?
  - o UGREEN to reside within GOED as part of current incentive architecture
  - We could look at a model like Kansas whereby Board governs authority, but no full time staff
- Wait and see how things play out over the next couple of months

## **Approval of the August 2010 Board Meeting Minutes**

MOTION: Bob Dalley moved to approve the minutes of the August 17, 2010 UGREEN Board Meeting. Ryan Davies seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Next Meeting December 21, 2010 at 4:00 pm.

Meeting adjourned.